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THE GOPHER-SNAKES OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

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The snakes of the genus *Pituophis*, commonly are called gopher or bull snakes. They occur in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. In the region lying west of the Rocky Mountains they are widely distributed, and have been taken in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon and California. Their range also includes Lower California and certain of the coastal islands.

Although herpetologists now generally agree that three kinds of *Pituophis* occur in this western territory, the differential characters and the distribution of these forms never have been clearly set forth. Further study of these snakes,

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therefore, seems well worth while. In undertaking this study we have again made use of material in the collections of Stanford University and the University of California, and, for this privilege, we are again indebted to Professors Charles H. Gilbert and John O. Snyder of Stanford University, and Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California. The snakes in the collection of the University of California are distinguished by the letter C prefixed to their numbers in the lists of specimens; those from Stanford University, by the letter S. When no letter is attached to its number the specimen is in the collection of the California Academy of Sciences.

Several names have, in the past, been based upon, or applied to, gopher-snakes from the area under consideration.

In 1835, Blainville described two kinds of gopher-snakes from specimens collected by M. Botta in "California", a term which, as then used, included Lower California. These he called Coluber catenifer and Coluber vertebralis. In 1842, Holbrook established the genus Pituophis for the eastern bull-snake, which Daudin had described, in 1803, as Coluber melanoleucus. In 1853, Baird and Girard placed Blainville's Coluber catenifer in this genus Pituophis, and the following year Duméril and Bibron made the same disposition of his Coluber vertebralis.

Cope, in 1860, described the gopher-snake of the Cape Region of Lower California under the name *Pityophis hæmatois*, from specimens collected by John Xantus at Cape San Lucas. In more recent publications, however, Cope (1875) and other authors have recognized Blainville's description of *Coluber vertebralis* as referring to this Lower California species and, therefore, have called it *Pituophis vertebralis*.

Blainville's description of *Coluber catenifer* is so meager that one is left uncertain as to which kind of snake he had. His plate indicates that he may have had the less brightly colored coast race. Baird and Girard, in 1853, may be considered to have determined the subsequent use of the term by using the name *Pituophis catenifer* for a specimen from San Francisco. It would seem that this restriction of the name, in the first general review of the genus, should be followed, unless subsequent examination of the original type specimen shows that it did not belong to this race.

In the same publication (p. 71) Baird and Girard, in 1853, proposed the name Pituophis wilkesii for two specimens from "Puget Sound, Or.," with gastrosteges numbering 215 and 209, and two from "Oregon", with counts of 209 and 213. This name evidently is based upon specimens of the coast race and has been regarded as a synonym of Pituophis catenifer.

Baird and Girard, in 1853 (p. 72), proposed still another name for a western gopher-snake. This was Pituophis annectens, based upon one specimen, with 243 gastrosteges, collected at San Diego, California, by Dr. J. L. Leconte.

In 1853, also, Hallowell described Pityophis heermannii from a specimen collected on the Cosumnes River, California. His description does not state the number of gastrosteges. The locality is one where specimens more or less intermediate in character but most like the coast race are to be expected. The name may, therefore, be treated as a synonym of Pituophis catenifer. The original specimen may perhaps still be preserved in the collection of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

In 1852, Baird and Girard described as Churchillia bellona a gopher-snake collected by General Churchill on the left bank of the Rio Grande, at the crossing near Presidio del Norte. The following year, they placed this species in the genus Pituophis. Later, the name Pituophis bellona or Pityophis sayi bellona was used by Cope and other authors for gopher-snakes from parts of California, Arizona and the Great Basin. Steineger, however, in 1893, called attention to the fact that this name is really a synonym of Pituophis sayi, and cannot properly be applied to another race. Steineger proposed a new name, Pituophis catenifer deserticola, for this western race to which the name bellona had been misapplied. Steineger mentions no type specimen, names no type locality and gives no characterization of Pituophis catenifer deserticola other than that it is the "richly-colored form from the Great Basin and the southwestern deserts" which must be distinguished from Pituophis catenifer by "the totality of the characters," as the number of smooth rows of lateral scales will not serve for this purpose. He merely proposed a substitute name.

So far as we have been able to learn no one, either before or since, has stated any more definite means of distinguishing these more "richly-colored" snakes from those which have been called *Pituophis catenifer*.

The present study is based upon nearly 300 specimens of the western races of *Pituophis*, all but eight of which represent *Pituophis catenifer* and its subspecies. This material should be large enough to demonstrate any differences in squamation which exists between the two subspecies. Great individual variation is evident in both, but in only one series of scales is there apparent any geographical variation. Only in the counts of the gastrosteges do we find any scale-character which is of value in the classification of these snakes. While this, in one sense, is disappointing, we nevertheless, must be glad to have found even one character which will aid in the separation of these snakes, since reliance upon color differences, which are subject to so much individual variation, and are so difficult to estimate, has resulted in most unsatisfactory determinations.

In the series at hand the differences in the number of gastrosteges in specimens from the northwestern coast counties of California and in others from Arizona, Nevada and Utah is very easily appreciated. If we had specimens only from these localities they might almost be regarded as distinct species, with only an occasional individual of each overlapping the limit of say 230 gastrosteges. Gopher-snakes, however, occur throughout most of the intervening territory and offer gastrostege counts which completely bridge over this difference. We, therefore, must continue to regard these coast and interior races merely as subspecies.

The number of gastrosteges increases from a minimum of 200 in the coast subspecies to a maximum of 263 in the desert subspecies. While individual variation is great in any one locality, it may be said that, in a general way, the warmer and dryer the climate of a given locality the greater the number of gastrosteges. As one proceeds south and east from the cool coast regions toward the interior desert valleys, the average counts gradually increase.

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The transition from the number characteristic of the coast snakes to that of the desert snakes is complete and more or less gradual. Nevertheless, these counts are of great use in the separation of the two subspecies.



The specimens which we have studied show gastrostege counts ranging from 200 to 263. No sexual difference is apparent in the counts. We believe that specimens having fewer than 220 gastrosteges may, on that basis alone, be referred to *Pituophis catenifer catenifer*, and that any specimen with more than 231 gastrosteges may be considered to belong to the other subspecies, which has been called *Pituophis sayi bellona* or *Pituophis catenifer deserticola*, properly to be known as *Pituophis catenifer annectens* (Baird & Girard).

The typical specimens of *Pituophis catenifer catenifer* with fewer than 220 gastrosteges are from northern California and western Oregon. Specimens of *Pituophis catenifer annectens* with more than 231 gastrosteges have been found only in southern California, northern Lower California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

A large number of specimens have gastrostege counts varying from 220 to 231. Most of these are from central California and the San Diegan Fauna. They represent geographic intergradation and, to some extent, the extremes of individual variation. A majority of the specimens with 220 to 225 gastrosteges are from the more northern localities and may be referred to *Pituophis catenifer catenifer*. Most of those having counts of 226 to 231 gastrosteges are from the range of *Pituophis catenifer annectens*, and may be so called.

On the accompanying map specimens having from 200 to 220 gastrosteges are indicated by round spots; those having from 231 to 263 by square spots; those with 221 to 225 by half-round spots; and those with from 226 to 230 gastrosteges

by half squares. This serves to bring out quite clearly the fact that the variation is largely geographic.

The localities arranged according to the number of gastrosteges in specimens which represent them are as follows:

200 Gastrosteges

Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County¹ Corralitos, Santa Cruz County

209

Inverness, Marin County San Juan, San Benito County Callahan, Siskiyou County Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

210

Goose Lake Meadows, Modoc County Napa, Napa County Pismo, San Luis Obispo County

211

Lagunitas, Marin County Edna, San Luis Obispo County Camas Mountains, Douglas County, Oregon Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County

212

Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

213

Berkeley, Alameda County Berkeley, Alameda County Berkeley, Alameda County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Duncan Mills, Sonoma County

¹ All localities in California unless otherwise stated.

214

Carmel, Monterey County San Francisco Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

215

Point Reyes Station, Marin County Mailliard, Marin County Manzanita, Marin County Sugar Hill, Modoc County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Tehama, Tehama County

216

Berkeley, Alameda County
Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County
San Pablo Valley, Contra Costa County
San Anselmo, Marin County.
Carmel, Monterey County
San Juan, San Benito County
Fort Jones, Siskiyou County

217

Madera, Madera County
San Anselmo, Marin County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Monte Rio, Sonoma County
Charter Oak, Los Angeles County
Cold Water Canyon, Los Angeles County

218

Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County Coulterville, Mariposa County Carmel, Monterey County Coburn, Monterey County Coyote, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jose, Santa Clara County San Diego County

219

Berkeley, Alameda County
Winslow, Glen County
Middletown, Lake County
Los Baños, Merced County
Carmel, Monterey County
Welby, Monterey County
Lander, Placer County
Soquel, Santa Cruz County
Grand Island Landing, Yolo County

220

Fyffe, El Dorado County Vicinity of Alturas, Modoc County Warner Mountains, Modoc County Bradley, Monterey County Tracy, San Joaquin County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jacinto, Riverside County San Jacinto, Riverside County

221

Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Clovis, Fresno County Tracy, San Joaquin County Coyote Creek, Santa Clara County Buddha Canyon, Solano County

222

Fyffe, El Dorado County Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County San Juan River, San Luis Obispo County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jacinto, Riverside County Outario, San Bernardino County Cuyamaca Mountains, San Diego County

223

Butte Creek, Butte County
Garberville, Humboldt County
Pleasant Valley, Mariposa County
Camby, Modoc County
Carmel, Monterey County
Salinas River, San Luis Obispo County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County
Yolla Bolly Mountain, Trinity County
Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County
Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County
Cahuilla Valley, San Diego County
Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

224

Fruto, Glen County
Winslow, Glen County
Kelseyville, Lake County
Willits, Mendocino County
Tracy, San Joaquin County
Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County
Pismo, San Luis Obispo County
Alma, Santa Clara County
Los Gatos, Santa Clara County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Buttonwillow, Kern County
San Jacinto, Riverside County
Agua Caliente, San Diego County
Campo, San Diego County
Campo, San Diego County

225

Near Gridley, Butte County Contra Costa, Contra Costa County Welby, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Soquel, Santa Cruz County Colton, Riverside County San Jacinto, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County

226

Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Kelseyville, Lake County Snelling, Merced County Carmel, Monterey County Coburn, Monterey County Metz, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County San Bernardino Mountains, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Pine Creek, Ventura County

227

Dunlaps, Fresno County Vicinity of Kinsley, Mariposa County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Julian, San Diego County

——, San Diego County

Warner Pass, San Diego County

Virgin River, Humboldt County, Nevada
Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County Pasadena, Los Angeles County San Jacinto, Riverside County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Shandon, San Luis Obispo County Simmler, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Coulterville, Mariposa County
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Ensenada, Lower California
South Coronado Island, Lower California
Bakersfield, Kern County
Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County
Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County
Campo, San Diego County
Campo, San Diego County
————, San Diego County

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Antioch, Contra Costa County Soledad, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Middletown, Lake County Pasadena, Los Angeles County San Jacinto, Riverside County Poso, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Riverton, El Dorado County
Los Baños, Merced County
South Coronado Island, Lower California
San Jacinto, Riverside County
San Jacinto, Riverside County
Simmler, San Luis Obispo County
Campo, San Diego County
Campo, San Diego County
Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah
Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah
Wallula, Walla Walla County, Washington

232

Fort Lowell, Pima County, Arizona Delano, Kern County Hesperia, San Bernardino County Carson, Ormsby County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

233

Huachuca Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona La Crescenta, Los Angeles County Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles County Benton, Mono County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Boise, Ada County, Idaho

234

Ontario, San Bernardino County Virgin Valley, Humboldt County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

235

Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona Agua Caliente, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County

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Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona Bakersfield, Kern County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County Palo Prieto Canyon, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Wasatch Mountains, Wasatch County, Utah

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Fort Lowell, Pima County, Arizona Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Campo, San Diego County Carlin, Elko County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah 240

Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Victorville, San Bernardino County Thompson, Grand County, Utah

242

Thousand Creek Flat, Humboldt County, Nevada Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada

243

San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Mecca, Riverside County Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada

244

Walker Pass, Kern County Blue Lakes, Twin Falls County, Idaho Nixon, Washoe County, Nevada Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada

245

Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona

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Palmetto Mountains, Esmeralda County, Nevada Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada 247

Silsbee, Imperial County

250

Colorado River, Mojave County, Arizona Benton, Mono County

252

Mecca, Riverside County

258

Yuma, Yuma County, Arizona

263

Mecca, Riverside County

The complete scale-counts together with the lists of localities where the specimens examined by us were secured are given below under the names of the subspecies to which we have referred the specimens. As we already have said, many of these specimens are from the region of geographical intergradation and some are so intermediate in character that their reference to one or the other subspecies is largely a matter of convenience

Pituophis catenifer catenifer (Blainville)

Specimens from 78 localities have been studied by us. They represent 29 counties of northern and central California and two of southwestern Oregon.

- 1. Berkeley, Alameda County, California
- 2. Butte Creek, Butte County, California
- 3. Antioch, Contra Costa County, California
- 4. Contra Costa, Contra Costa County, California
- 5. Moraga Valley, Contra Costa County, California
- 6. S. W. Side Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County, California
- 7. San Pablo Valley, Contra Costa County, California
- 8. Two miles east of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California

- 9. Fyffe, El Dorado County, California
- 10. Riverton, El Dorado County, California
- 11. Clovis, Fresno County, California
- 12. Dunlaps, Fresno County, California
- 13. Fruto, Glen County California
- 14. Winslow, Glen County, California
- 15. Garberville, Humboldt County, California
- 16. Kelseyville, Lake County, California
- 17. Lower Lake, Lake County, California
- 18. Madera, Madera County, California
- 19. Inverness, Marin County, California
- 20. Lagunitas, Marin County, California
- 21. Mailliard, Marin County, California
- 22. Manzanita, Marin County, California
- 23. San Anselmo. Marin County, California
- 24. Coulterville, Mariposa County, California
- 25. Between Kinsley and Maculey's Stage Station, Mariposa County, California
 - 26. Pleasant Valley, Mariposa County, California
 - 27. Los Baños, Merced County, California
 - 28. Snelling, Merced County, California
- 29. Between Alturas and Davis Creek, Modoc County. California
 - 30. Goose Lake Meadows, Modoc County, California
 - 31. Sugar Hill, Modoc County, California
- 32. Dry Creek, Warner Mountains, Modoc County, California
 - 33. Bradley, Monterey County, California
 - 34. Carmel, Monterey County, California
 - 35. Coburn, Monterey County, California
 - 36. Metz, Monterey County, California
 - 37. Soledad, Monterey County, California
 - 38. Welby, Monterey County, California
 - 39. Napa, Napa County, California
 - 40. Lander, near Colfax, Placer County, California
 - 41. San Juan, San Benito County, California
 - 42. San Francisco, San Francisco County, California
 - 43. Tracy, San Joaquin County, California (four mi. west)
 - 44. Edna, San Luis Obispo County, California
 - 45. Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County, California

- 46. Pizmo, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 47. Source of Salinas River, San Luis Obispo County, California
 - 48. San Juan River, San Luis Obispo County, California
 - 49. San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County California
 - 50. Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County, California
 - 51. Alma, Santa Clara County, California
 - 52. Coyote, Santa Clara County, California
 - 53. Coyote Creek, Santa Clara County, California
 - 54. Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, California
 - 55. Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California
 - 56. San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
 - 57. Stanford University, Santa Clara County, California
 - 58. Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County, California
 - 59. Corralitos, Santa Cruz County, California
 - 60. Soquel, Santa Cruz County, California
 - 61. Callahan, Siskivou County, California
 - 62. Ft. Jones, Siskiyou County, California
- 63. Buddha Canyon, Solano County, California (N. W. Corner).
 - 64. Duncan Mills, Sonoma County, California
 - 65. Guerneville, Sonoma County, California
 - 66. Monte Rio, Sonoma County, California
 - 67. Tehama, Tehama County, California
 - 68. Yolla Bolly Mountain, Trinity County, California
 - 69. Grand Island Landing, Yolo County. California
 - 70. Camas Mountains, Douglas County, Oregon
 - 71. Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon
 - 72. Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon
 - 73. East side Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County, California
- 74. Between Live Oak and Gridley, Butte County, California
 - 75. Canby, Modoc County, California
- 76. Ten miles south from Willits, Mendocino County, California
 - 77. Middletown, Lake County, California
 - 78. Point Reyes Station, Marin County, California

The full scale-counts are as follows:

Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer catenifer

Number	Sex	Scale Rows	Gastro- steges	Uro- steges	Supra- labials	Infra- labials	Pre- oculars	Post- oculars	Loreals	Tem- porals	Local- ity
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Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer catenifer—Continued

Number	Sex	Scale Rows	Gastro- steges	Uro- steges	Supra- labials	Infra- labials	Pre- oculars	Post- oculars	Loreals	Tem- porals	Local- ity
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Pituophis catenifer annectens (Baird & Girard)

To this name we refer specimens from 60 localities in Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, eastern Washington, and ten counties in southern California

- 1. Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico
- 2. San Martin Island, Lower California, Mexico
- 3. South Coronado Island, Lower California, Mexico
- 4. Huachuca Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona
- 5. Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona
- 6. Colorado River, above Bill Williams River, Mohave County, Arizona
 - 7. Ft. Lowell, Pima County, Arizona
 - 8. Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona
 - 9. Yuma, Yuma County, Arizona
 - 10. Silsbee, Imperial County, California
 - 11. Bakersfield, Kern County, California (eight mi. N. E.).
 - 12. Buttonwillow, Kern County, California
 - 13. Delano, Kern County, California
 - 14. Isabella, Kern County, California
 - 15. Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County, California
 - 16. Walker Pass, Kern County, California
 - 17. Charter Oak, Los Angeles County, California
 - 18. Cold Water Canyon, Los Angeles County, California
 - 19. La Crescenta, Los Angeles County, California
 - 20. Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles County, California
 - 21. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California
 - 22. Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, California
 - 23. Benton, Mono County, California
 - 24. Colton, Riverside County, California
 - 25. San Jacinto, Riverside County, California
 - 26. San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County, California
 - 27. Mecca, Riverside County, California
 - 28. Riverside, Riverside County, California
 - 29. San Bernardino Mts., Riverside County, California
 - 30. Hesperia, San Bernardino County, California
 - 31. Ontario, San Bernardino County, California
 - 32. Victorville, San Bernardino County, California
- 33. Palo Prieto Canyon, San Luis Obispo County, California

- 34. Pozo, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 35. Shandon, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 36. Simmler, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 37. Agua Caliente, San Diego County, California 38. Cahuilla Valley, San Diego County, California
- 39. Campo, San Diego County, California
- 40. Cuyamaca Mountains, San Diego County, California
- 41. Julian, San Diego County, California
- 42. San Diego County, California
- 43. Warner Pass, San Diego County, California
- 44. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California
- 45. Pine Creek, Ventura County, California
- 46. Blue Lakes, Twin Falls County, Idaho
- 47. Carlin, Elko County, Nevada
- 48. Palmetto Mountains, Esmeralda County, Nevada
- 49. Big Creek, Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 50. Thousand Creek Flat, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 51. Virgin Valley, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 52. Austin, Lander County, Nevada
 - 53. Carson, Ormsby County, Nevada
 - 54. Nixon, Washoe County, Nevada
 - 55. Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada
 - 56. Thompson, Grand County, Utah
 - 57. Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah
 - 58. Wasatch Mountains, Wasatch County, Utah
 - 59. Wallula, Walla Walla County, Washington
 - 60. Boise, Ada County, Idaho

The full scale-counts are as follows:

Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer annectens

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	Number	Sex	Scale Rows	Gastro- steges	Uro- steges	Supra- labials	Infra- labials	Pre- oculars	Post- oculars	Loreals	Tem- porals	Local- ity
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Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer annectens-Continued

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Pituophis vertebralis (Blainville)

We now have at hand no specimens of this gopher-snake. Its range seems to be restricted to the Cape Region of Lower California. It agrees with *Pituophis catenifer annectens* in the number of its gastrosteges. The large amount of red in its coloration enables one to distinguish it readily from both subspecies of *Pituophis catenifer*. That it also seems to have a larger number of scale-rows is shown by the counts reprinted below.

Specimen	Scale Rows	Gastro- steges	Uro- steges	Supra- labials	Infra- labials	Pre- oculars	Post- oculars	Loreals
TypeCal. Acad, Sci	35 35 33 34 35 35 35	245 239 243 234 251 245 233 243 247	64 64 67 65 60 61 63 62 61	8—9 9—9 9—9 9—9 9—10 9—9 10—9	13—13 12—12 12—12 13—13 13—13 12—12 12—12	2 2—2 2—2 2—2 2—2 2—2 2—2 1—1 2—2	3 3—3 3—3 3—3 3—3 3—3 3—3 3—3	2

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